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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, IS, EG  
SUBJECT: WEIZMAN ON ABSENCE OF EGYPTIAN MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE

1. DURING A MEETING THIS MORNING (MARCH 14) WITH MINISTER OF DEFENSE WEIZMAN, HE CAME DOWN VERY HARD ON THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT IN GENERAL AND GAMASY IN PARTICULAR FOR NOT SENDING ANY MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE FOLLOWING THE WEEKEND TERRORIST ATTACK.

2. WEIZMAN MADE NO EFFORT TO DISGUISE HIS DEEP PERSONAL DISMAY OVER NOT HAVING RECEIVED ANY MESSAGE FROM GAMASY. HE REMINDED ME THAT "WHEN EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS WERE KILLED IN CYPRUS I IMMEDIATELY SENT GAMASY A MESSAGE EXPRESSING MY REGRETS. MY FRIENDS HERE IN ISRAEL NOW RIDICULE MY PREVIOUS REMARKS ABOUT MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GAMASY SAYING 'WHERE IS YOUR FRIEND NOW.'" BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF ANY EXPRESSION FROM GAMASY, WEIZMAN SAID HE WAS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING THE RECALL OF THE NINE MEN WHO REMAIN IN CAIRO AWAITING THE RESUSCITATION OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE.

3. WHEN I SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS GAMASY MIGHT STILL GET A MESSAGE TO HIM, WEIZMAN FLATLY STATED THAT IT WAS TOO LATE. (UNFORTUNATELY, I DID NOT LEARN THAT  
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GAMASY WAS IN PARIS UNTIL AFTER RETURNING TO THE EMBASSY.) WEIZMAN'S FRUSTRATION BOILED OVER AT ONE POINT AND HE LET LOOSE WITH SOME VERY COLORFUL LANGUAGE ABOUT THE EGYPTIANS AND THE NEED FOR THEM TO MAKE UP THEIR MINDS WHETHER THEY WANT PEACE WITH ISRAEL.

4. COMMENT: WEIZMAN IS CLEARLY HURT THAT GAMASY IN

PARTICULAR HAS FAILED HIM. HE HAS BEEN VERY PROUD OF  
THE RELATIONSHIP HE THOUGHT HE HAD FORGED WITH GAMASY,  
WHICH HE BELIEVED TRANSCENDED THE OFFICIAL DIFFERENCES  
BETWEEN THEIR GOVERNMENTS. EZER IS PERPLEXED AND  
WOUNDED AND CANNOT COMPREHEND WHY GAMASY--WHO IS NO  
LONGER HIS ENEMY--HAS NOT RESPONDED IN THIS HOUR OF  
GRIEF AS A FRIEND SHOULD--AND AS WEIZMAN DID.  
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